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Inquiry: I am an RCP working specifically in an Emergency Room, and have been for many years. I would like to know if there is a process to apply for and develop a certification for "Emergency Medicine". I don't know what the process is or if it would even be possible to develop such a certification.

Response: There is currently no state or national certification for emergency medicine. I know that several universities have bachelor degree programs that specialize in emergency medicine, and that many Respiratory Therapists find this a very acceptable adjunct to their clinical expertise. Loma Linda University is one such program in California. Should you feel that this is a direction the profession should be going I would encourage you to contact the CSRC, AARC or the NBRC to find out their opinion on this matter. Their addresses are listed below:

California Society for Respiratory Care (CSRC)
505 North Brand Blvd., Suite 740
Glendale CA 91203
(818) 247-2053

National Board for Respiratory Care (NBRC)
8310 Nieman Road
Lenexa, KS 66214-1579
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American Association for Respiratory Care (AARC)
11030 Ables Lane
Dallas, TX 75229
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